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SUBJECT: 29TH UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 12,
REPORT OF ECOSOC - ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO THE TERRITORIES STILL UNDER PORTUGUESE
DOMINATION

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1. RESOLUTION QUOTED REFTEL WOULD BE MORE PALATABLE WITH
FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. IN PARAGRAPH 1 CHANGE ,IN CONSULTATION WITH
THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OF THE TERRITORIES STILL
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UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION" TO "IN CONSULTATION WITH

THE RESPECTIVE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE TERRITORIES STILL UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION, TOGETHER WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OF THOSE TERRITORIES". (COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHANGE IS TWO-FOLD: (1) TO INCORPORATE THE OBVIOUS FACTOR THAT MEMBER STATES, UN ORGANS AND IFIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA IN THEIR CONSULTATIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO BE EXTENDED WHEN "FULL INDEPENDENCE" IS

ACHIEVED; AND (2) TO WORD THIS CHANGE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO APPLY ONLY TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AND NOT TO THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, WHICH ARE STILL GOVERNED AS A PORTUGUESE TERRITORY AND FOR WHICH THE RESULTS OF PROMISED SELF-DETERMINATION NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE "FULL INDEPENDENCE". WE HAVE TRIED TO ACHIEVE BOTH OBJECTIVES WITHOUT DRAWING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE SECOND.)

B. IN PARAGRAPH 2 FOLLOWING "SPEEDILY ASSIST", CHANGE "THE FRELIMO" TO "THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE" (WHICH OF COURSE INCLUDES THE FRELIMO). HERE AGAIN THIS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, UN ORGANS AND IFIS TO ASSIST UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, RATHER THAN FRELIMO PER SE. IF SPONSORS INSIST ON MENTIONING FRELIMO, YOU COULD FALL BACK TO "SPEEDILY ASSIST THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF FRELIMO." (COMMENT: WE REALIZE OF COURSE THAT THE CHANCE OF NEW ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD, I.E. BEFORE JUNE 1975, SEEMS REMOTE IN VIEW OF THE TIME FRAME. MOREOVER, IN THE CASE OF THE IFIS IN PARTICULAR, ANY SUCH PRE-INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED BY AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGAL.)

2. BEFORE APPROACHING CO-SPONSORS WITH THESE CHANGES, SUGGEST YOU CONSULT WITH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION

AS WELL AS WITH OTHER KEY WEOS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER CHANGES COINCIDE WITH THEIR THINKING. INGERSOLL
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